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Subject: Can't fix current Ward 8. If want 8 wards, then 8th ward has to be elsewhere.

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All,

I just watched the video of the 12/15/2021 Ad Hoc Committee and would like to share one key insight please.

It would be fine to have 8 wards, but the 8th ward needs to be located somewhere other than where it is presently located.

The 8th ward has to move because it's impossible to fix or redraw the lines of the current Ward 8 and come up with a more balanced ratio of on-campus students and long-term residents.

Here's the data: Champlain College currently has 2,100 full-time students. 72% of these (1,500) live on-campus - mostly along Main and Maple Street - down the hill from Ward 8. The other 600 live off-campus; but mostly along Maple and Main Street.

Because the long-term residential neighborhood of South Prospect, Summit Street, Robinson Parkway and Henderson Terrace is low density, extending Ward 8 down the hill along Maple and Main Street will **add 3x more students to Ward 8 than long-time residents.**

Just like on the UVM Campus, one cannot enter Champlain College dorms to get the vote. It's a safety issue.

Therefore, adding a good portion of Champlain College's campus to Ward 8 is not going to fix the issues we currently have with Ward 8.

The shape of a revised Ward 8 might not look like a salamander but it will still be a gerrymandered ward because the vast majority (90%) of the people in the revised Ward 8 will still be on-campus undergraduate college students.

There are many different ways to have 8 wards with the 8th ward somewhere else in the city (so that the campus hindrance to getting out the vote is not an issue) and keep neighborhoods intact. If you would like to see some example maps, please let me know.

I found Richard's idea of a combined Ward 1 and Ward 6 (eliminating Ward 8) to be very interesting.

Thank you for considering this insight.

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